

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A service providing apparatus for providing a service to a plurality of information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses accessing a shared server on a network, comprising:

storage means for storing a group to which some of the information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses belong;

reception means for receiving request information transmitted from any of the information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses;

acquisition means for acquiring data coordinated with the request information; and

communication means for transmitting the data acquired by said acquisition means simultaneously to those of the information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses accessing the shared server. ~~which belong to the same group.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The service providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the data ~~are~~ is music data, and the request information includes ~~a tune~~ selection of particular music data.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The service providing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising transmission means for receiving text data transmitted from any of the information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses accessing the shared server and transmitting the text data to the at least one other information processing apparatus ~~which belong to the same group~~ accessing the shared server.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A service providing method for a service providing apparatus for providing a service to a plurality of information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses accessing a shared server on a network, comprising:

a storage controlling step of controlling so that a group to which some of the information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses belong is stored;

a reception step of receiving request information transmitted from any of the information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses;

an acquisition step of acquiring data coordinated with the request information; and

a communication step of transmitting the data acquired by ~~the processing of the~~ acquisition step simultaneously to those of the information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses ~~which belong to the same group~~ accessing the shared server.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium on which a computer-readable program for providing a service to a plurality of information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses accessing a shared server on ~~[[an]]~~ a network is stored, the program comprising:

a storage controlling step of controlling so that a group to which some of the information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses belong is stored;

a reception step of receiving request information transmitted from any of the information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses;

an acquisition step of acquiring data coordinated with the request information; and

a communication step of transmitting the data acquired by ~~the processing of the~~ acquisition step simultaneously to those of the information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses ~~which belong to the same group~~ accessing the shared server.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus for accessing a service providing apparatus, which provides services on a network, together with other information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses accessing a shared server on the same network and enjoying the services of the service providing apparatus, comprising:

inputting means for inputting access information for accessing the service providing apparatus;

display control means for controlling display of contents of the services transmitted from the service providing apparatus;

requesting means for selecting a predetermined service from among the services and requesting the service providing apparatus for transmission of the selected service to said information processing apparatus and the other information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses accessing the shared server;

reception means for receiving data transmitted from the service providing apparatus; and

reproduction means for reproducing the data.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~[[An]]~~ The information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the services are table information of the data to be provided from the service providing apparatus, and the data ~~are~~ is music data.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An information processing method for an information processing apparatus for accessing a service providing apparatus, which provides services on a network, together with other information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses accessing a shared server on the same network and enjoying the services of the service providing apparatus, comprising:

an inputting step of inputting access information for accessing the service providing apparatus;

a display controlling step of controlling display of contents of the services transmitted from the service providing apparatus;

a requesting step of selecting a predetermined service from among the services and requesting the service providing apparatus for transmission of the selected service to said information processing apparatus and the other information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses accessing the shared server;

a reception step of receiving data transmitted from the service providing apparatus;  
and

a reproduction step of reproducing the data.

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Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium on which a computer-readable program for causing an information processing apparatus to access a service providing apparatus, which provides services on a network, together with other information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses accessing a shared server on the same network and enjoy the services of the service providing apparatus is stored, the program comprising:

an inputting step of inputting access information for accessing the service providing apparatus;

a display controlling step of controlling display of contents of the services transmitted from the service providing apparatus;

a requesting step of selecting a predetermined service from among the services and requesting the service providing apparatus for transmission of the selected service to said information processing apparatus and the other information processing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses accessing the shared server;

a reception step of receiving data transmitted from the service providing apparatus;

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a reproduction step of reproducing the data.

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